(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the projects are as under:—

Name of District	Name of Scheme	No. of Villages	Cost of the schemes (Rs. in lakhs)
Krishna	6	6	31·045
Nalgonda	18	18	105·70
Anantapur	2	2	6·33

All these schemes have already been cleared by the Government of India.

Project Report on Supply of Drinking Water in Coastal Villages of Andhra Pradesh

575. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project report on the supply of drinking water to 260 coastal villages of Uddanam Area of Srikakulam District in Andhra Pradesh has been sent to the Central Government for its approval and in obtaining external assistance; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the Scheme and what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme envisages providing protected water supply to 268 villages in Uddanam areas of Srikakulam District at an estimated cost of Rs. 6.9 crores. The scheme is under technical scrutiny in the Department of Rural Development.

Formulation of New Sugar Policy

576. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMARAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently formulated a new policy for granting licences for new sugar factories;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to consider the applications which are pending with them for the last many years under this new policy; and

(d) if so, the details of these applications and the names of the applicants which have been cleared under the new policy and granted licenses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Government of India has recently made a limited review of the Sugar Licensing Policy and, after careful consideration, has decided to relax certain policy guidelines already announced for the Seventh Five-Year Plan period. A copy of the statement laid down on the Table of the Lok Sabha is given below. (*See* Statement-I).